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BLUM'S OVERWHELMING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

WARNING OF HARSH MEASURES AHEAD

FRESH SACRIFICES BY COUNTRY NECESSARY

Paris, Dec. 17.
M. Leon Blum and his all-Socialist Cabinet today gained an overwhelming vote of confidence by the National Assembly. The ballot, 580-16, came after the aged premier warned that during its scheduled five weeks of life his government would institute harsh measures to save France's economy. Before the vote, the Communists and MRP accused each other of prolonging the three-week political crisis.

Speaking in a low voice, M. Blum warned that the French people would be asked to bow to severe fiscal measures, to suppress all waste and to use scrupulously all resources.

All Party spokesmen, while pledging support to the Premier, made it clear that they regarded his government as a makeshift one, and the Communist Party Secretary, M. Jacques Duclos, reminded the Assembly that his Party was the strongest in France.—United Press.

The Premier, M. Leon Blum, warned that the French people must make fresh sacrifices to pull France out of her present grave economic crisis.

M. Blum pledged France to work with her Allies in preventing the rebuilding of Germany's war industries. He added that France would continue to demand Ruhr coal and other reparations, as well as economic annexation of the Saar.

"This government's programme is to put an end to public anxiety, to ensure in the immediate future the passage of measures, prepared by the previous government and intended to establish beyond doubt the equilibrium of the 1947 ordinary budget, and before the end of the year to pass a certain number of necessary laws to ensure, if possible, in the country the first fresh spurt of confidence in the sense in which we understand this term—that is to say, confidence in itself and in its own future."

"Sacrifices will have to be asked of the country," Premier Blum said.

Associated Press adds that both the Left and Centre benches applauded the Premier as he made the traditional "Ministerial declaration" to introduce his Cabinet, assuring it of a vote of confidence.

In foreign affairs, M. Blum said, his government would "keep up our

ANDALUSIAN TRAINS COLLIDE

Madrid, Dec. 17.
The Andalusian express crashed into a freight train near the village of Cinco Casas to-day and first reports said 14 persons were killed and many seriously injured.—United Press.

U.S. FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO SECURE ATOM VOTE

Lake Success, Dec. 17.
The United States failed in an attempt to bring about an immediate vote of approval on its proposals for the international control of atomic energy.

The Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko charged that the American resolution was not in complete conformity with the historic disarmament decision of the United Nations General Assembly, and asked for more time to study it.

United States delegate Bernard Baruch appeared sorely disappointed at the delay, but finally agreed to the postponement of the Commission's deliberations until Friday.

He told the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission that he had intended to ask a vote on the American proposals on Tuesday.

Gromyko indicated that he was chiefly concerned with achieving a unanimous decision on the proposals. He charged that certain aspects of the proposals—including provisions for sanctions—were actually in violation of the United Nations charter. He added that many questions concerning the resolution which had been asked by the Soviet delegation still were unanswered.

The American Plan

In essence, the United States plan called for a strong and comprehensive international system of control of atomic energy, established by convention among United Nations members. It stipulated that such a treaty would set up international

BRITISH BREAD RATION CUT PREDICTED

London, Dec. 17.
A reduction in the British bread ration was predicted to-day following the announcement in Washington last night that the United States would ship only 84,000 tons of grain to this country during January.

In an eleventh hour effort to avert a cut in the ration—which at present is nine ounces a day—the Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, may try to persuade the Department of Agriculture to increase Britain's allocation.

Any decision to reduce the ration at the beginning of the next four-week ration period starting on January 5 will have to be made by Friday when Parliament adjourns for the Christmas recess. Government feels virtually compelled to make the first announcement of such action in Parliament.

A gloomy picture of British wheat supplies was given by Mr. Strachey in the House of Commons on December 8 when he warned that a prolonged coal strike in America would force him to cut the bread ration.

The only prospect of alleviating the situation would be for Britain to buy flour in the United States instead of wheat from the west, depending upon the ability of transportation.—United Press.

REDUCTION OF BCOF PLANNED

Melbourne, Dec. 17.
The British Government is considering reducing its army in Japan because of commitments elsewhere, a spokesman of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces stated in Melbourne to-day.

The spokesman, who was replying to a statement made by an American magazine that Britain proposed to withdraw from the occupation of Japan, said this was not true, but Britain was considering reducing her forces there in view of her commitments all over the world.

Because of the stability achieved in Japan, he said, Britain was considering a reduction of the United Kingdom army there, but not of the Navy and not of the Royal Air Force. Possible reductions are being discussed with Australia, New Zealand and India, the spokesman said. The United States Government and Gen. MacArthur had been informed, he added.—Reuter.

Royal Romance Rumours Gain Strength

London, Dec. 17.
Buckingham Palace denies that Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip of Greece are unofficially engaged. They were noticeably weaker and West End dressmakers said they deduced that the Royal romance was approaching the announcement stage from discreet inquiries for costumes from the nobility.—United Press.

Finland Still Paying Debts

Washington, Dec. 17.
Finland kept its reputation as the only country never to default on World War I loans by making her annual payment of \$259,470 to the Treasury Department to-day. Finland has now paid \$7,500,000 against her debt, but still owes \$8,000,000. France, Britain and all others defaulted.—United Press.

ANTI-FRANCO RESOLUTION DISREGARDED

New York, Dec. 17.
Disregarding the UN anti-Franco resolution requesting the withdrawal of chiefs of missions from Madrid, the new Argentine Ambassador to Spain, Pedro Radio, was reported in Press dispatches to-day to be preparing to leave Buenos Aires on December 22 for Madrid.

The reports said Radio's orders to join his post ante-dated the UN action.

London dispatches report that Bernard, Cardinal Griffin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, charged inconsistencies in the UN "interference in Spain's internal affairs."

Addressing the Catholic Council for Polish Welfare, the Cardinal said: "We were told we must not interfere with the internal politics of the Spanish Republic, yet we are prepared to interfere with the internal politics of Spain. So I ask: Where are our principles?"—United Press.

PLANES HELP SEARCH FOR SOVIET SHIP

Tokyo, Dec. 17.
The Pacific Air Command Headquarters announced to-day that Fifth Air Force air-sea rescue planes have begun a search of the Japan Sea for the Second lost Soviet ship, a 2,000-ton ore vessel believed to have been driven in a storm toward the coast of Hokkaido.

Four days ago the Fifth Air Force started searching for a Soviet 800-ton vessel reported long overdue on a voyage from Vladivostok to Genoa, Italy.

The ore ship for which the search began to-day is believed to have been disabled for a week. It was en route from Vladivostok to Shikoku, North Hokkaido. Russian officials in Japan who asked United States aid, said Soviet searchers, presumably aircraft, had scanned 150 miles of ocean from Port Terne.—Associated Press.

No Evidence Of Captive Airmen In Lolo Country

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
An American search team, after a three-month search in the land of the aboriginal Lolos, returned to Shanghai to-day. Its spokesman told the United Press that it "now seems unlikely" that any American fliers are held as slaves by Lolos after surviving wartime plane crashes.

The team leader, who was not permitted to disclose his name, said they visited the scene of a crash whence emanated "rumours of enslaved Americans, but 'nobody I talked to knew anything about anyone being alive.'"

He pointed out that he learned, after other known crashes, that the Lolo were eager to guide Americans to the nearest Chinese village and collect the rewards offered by the Chinese authorities.

However, he stressed that only 25 percent of Lolo country was covered by the searchers so far, and that now evidence may result from searches by another team still in Lolo territory.—United Press.

GEN CHENNAULT DIVORCED

Saint Pierre, Louisiana, Dec. 17.
Maj.-Gen. Chennault, former commander of the 14th U.S. Air Force in China has been divorced. Mrs. Chennault was awarded one-half of her community property. She declined to comment on the case. They have eight children, five of whom served in the war.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Washington, Dec. 17.
The former Governor of Minnesota, Mr. Harold Stassen, announced to-day that he intended to seek 1948 Republican Presidential nomination on a platform of "true liberalism."

The wartime Navy captain listed a four-point platform:

1. No big strikes and high continuous production;
2. Raising the pay of white-collar workers;
3. Opposition to extreme measures threatening the fundamental rights of labour;
4. Exercise consumer resistance against high prices.—United Press.

Vandenberg Not Candidate

Washington, Dec. 17.
Senator Arthur Vandenberg to-day said he was not a candidate for the Republican nomination for President and expected no campaign on his behalf in 1948.—United Press.

TURKEY REINFORCES FRONTIER

Salonica, Dec. 17.
Turkey has reinforced her frontier posts along the whole length of the Greek-Turkey border in Thrace after guerilla activities in that area.

Greek Air Force Spitfires to-day scattered thousands of leaflets in the mountain areas where guerillas are believed to have hiding places, promising them amnesty if they surrender before the end of the year. Guerilla activities have slowed down recently, though minor incidents have been reported in the past 48 hours.—Reuter.

Japanese Demonstrate In Tokyo

Tokyo, Dec. 17.
Thousands of Japanese workers demonstrated in Tokyo to-day against what they termed the "high handed methods" of the Japanese Cabinet, led by Shigenori Yoshida. They unloaded demonstrators from all parts of the capital to join the crowds which had arrived on foot in a demonstration outside the Imperial Palace and waving flags. The demonstration—the biggest in Tokyo since the war ended—was due to last all day. The workers planned to march in two columns to the Prime Minister's house and the Diet to present their demands, which call for an improvement in the allocation of rice quotas, the establishment of minimum wages and adoption of an industrial reconstruction programme.—Reuter.

Naples Protests Against Food Conditions

Rome, Dec. 17.
Hundreds of thousands of workers in Naples and the province began a general strike to protest against food conditions as the Cabinet met in Rome to consider reduction of the national bread ration from 250 to 200 grams a day, and other measures to meet the new winter food crisis.

Thousands of Neapolitans demonstrated against high prices and bad distribution of food yesterday preparatory to the general strike.—United Press.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE IN FORMOSA

Tainan, Dec. 17.
Another earthquake of minor intensity shook Tainan shortly after midnight last night and continued for about 10 minutes. The centre of the tremor appeared to be near the scene of the previous quake.—Central News.

Curtain Of Secrecy Over Eastern Germany Is Lifted Partially

Berlin, Dec. 17.
The Russian occupation authorities announced to-day that the "most important" German war plants in the Soviet zone have been liquidated. The authorities denied they have been dismantling and carting away to Russia the rest of Eastern Germany's industrial machinery.

Partially lifting the curtain of secrecy surrounding industrial output in their occupation zone, the Soviets devoted nearly half a page in the official Soviet Army organ, Tagliche Rundschau, to statistical comparisons of production levels fixed by the Allied Control Council and actual output.

In an apparent effort to silence reports of wholesale dismantling, the Soviets admitted that they were turning out three and one half times as much heavy machinery as the amount agreed on by the Four Powers in setting the future of German economy.

The Russians announced they were producing annually 200.7 million Reichsmarks worth of heavy machinery compared with the Control Council figure of 74.7 million.

There was no explanation for the Russian admission that Four Power level of industry agreement was being violated except that the Soviet administration decided to blast back at critics who have charged the Russians with turning Eastern Germany into an industrial desert.

The report did not disclose what the Russians were doing with the finished goods, but recently they have made no secret of the fact that they have been exacting reparations from current German industrial output.

Information on what war plants and how many had been dismantled was not given.—United Press.

ANTI-RUSSIAN INTRIGUE ALLEGED

London, Dec. 17.
The Parliamentary Labour Party's External Affairs Committee at a secret meeting last night unanimously adopted a report accusing unnamed British diplomats in Europe of "various degrees of anti-Russian intrigue and propaganda" and urging sweeping reforms to make the Foreign Office more representative of the Labour Government, a well-informed source said to-day.

National leadership of the Labour Party betrayed concern over the growing intra-Party revolt over the government's "get tough with Russia" foreign policy by taking the first step to prevent it from spreading further among rank and file Party members.—United Press.

VC FOR GALLANTRY AT SINGAPORE

London, Dec. 17.
The Victoria Cross has been posthumously awarded to T/Lieutenant Thomas Wilkinson, RNR, for valour at Singapore in February 1942 when he was in command of a patrol vessel, HMS Li Wo.

To-night's announcement of the award says it is awarded not only for self-sacrifice, but in honour also, of all who fought and died with him.—Reuter.

KOREAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL ATTEND INTERIM ASSEMBLY

Seoul, Dec. 17.
Korean Democratic Party leaders to-day told Lt.-Gen. John Hodge, commander of the U.S. forces in Korea, that they will attend the next session of the Interim Legislative Assembly which they previously boycotted. The 90-man Assembly opened last week with only half the members present.

The decision of the Democratic Party means that about two-thirds of the delegates will now attend, since the Party was allowed 25 members.

Informed opinion says that Democratic Party members will promote "struggle" into the Assembly at its meeting on Friday to save face.

The Party previously presented General Hodge with an ultimatum announcing they would boycott the Assembly unless he explained in greater detail why he had avoided the Assembly elections in Seoul and Kangwondo.

U.S. Army officials were "highly pleased" to-day at the decision of the Party to attend as it promised to give the Assembly "better balance." Since its inauguration last Thursday the Assembly met only informally to organize the committee.

According to a highly placed official the Army hopes the Assembly will hasten to draw up standardized election laws for South Korea by mid-January so the new Assembly may be elected by national suffrage.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

SYDNEY TEST SCORES

Sydney, Dec. 18.
Don Bradman made a long inspection of the wicket this morning before sending in McCool and Tallon, the Queenslanders, to continue Australia's innings in the second test. McCool was caught by Hammond off Smith when he had scored 12.

Scores: Tallon, not out 19; McCool, c Hammond, b Smith 12; Freer, not out 1; Total 500 for seven wickets.—United Press.

Tallon, caught and bowled Wright 30; Freer 15; total 625 for 8. The score is a ground record.—United Press.

Australia has declared at 650 for eight wickets.—United Press. Later.

England, 34 for no wickets.—Reuter.

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MARGUERITE CHAPMAN

Directed by **WILLIAM W. WELLS**



An 8 ft. 6 in. bronze statue of Nelson, in the uniform which he was wearing at the time of his death at Trafalgar, is to be erected in Portsmouth, probably in the centre of the proposed new Cathedral Green. Sculptor, F. Brook Hitch, FRGS, is seen working on the model at his London studio.

THE WAY TO DEAL WITH PALESTINE

by "CRITIC"

BRITAIN is in Palestine to carry out the terms of a mandate which exists in black and white in the form of a preamble and 28 numbered articles.

It is perfectly clear that in our attempt to give effect to this document we do not satisfy the Americans and fail (for different and opposite reasons) to win the approval of the Russians. We do not please the Arabs and we antagonise the Zionists. Nor, if truth be told, do we find much ground for self-congratulation in the business.

THE MANDATE

THE common sense of the situation strongly supports the view that Britain should now hand back the mandate to the United Nations as heir-at-law of the defunct League of Nations, so that some wiser, or stronger, or harsher power may have the chance to improve upon our efforts.

Some people, however, hesitate to espouse a policy so severe in its logic. Yet even to such waverers it is obvious that the present position cannot continue and that, by one method or another, we must get to better terms with the problem. Fortunately, the mandate itself affords a simple approach to the issue.

PATH OF DUTY

WHAT is at dispute between Britain and her critics? Essentially, it is the interpretation of the mandate. It is alleged that Britain is not carrying out her plain duty.

Propaganda in the United States, speeches to the Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations, and bomb outrages in Palestine—all are assigned to make the path of duty plainer to our eyes. Well, what is our duty under the mandate?

HOME FOR JEWS

THE preamble states that the mandatory power should be responsible for establishing in Palestine "a national home for the Jewish people, it being clearly understood that nothing should be done which might prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine."

In our endeavours to give concrete meaning to this passage we have given offence in turn to Arabs and Jews. Our troops and officers have been shot at by both. It may be that, lacking the wisdom of those who look upon the problem from afar, we have failed to interpret the mandate accurately. We should seek enlightenment.

In post-war conditions, that means we ought to address three questions to a competent authority:

(1) Does the stated purpose of the mandate compel us to convert Palestine into a Jewish State, as the extreme Zionists appear to wish? Or does it, in fact, forbid us to do so?

(2) Does it mean that, when atrocious sufferings are inflicted on European Jewry by their enemies, and ours, we are bound to admit 100,000 survivors of the massacre to Palestine, irrespective of the feelings

of the existing non-Jewish communities? Or would this also be a breach of the mandate?

(3) Are we legally bound to confer immediate self-government upon Palestine when the Arabs demand it, or do they do, even if the Zionists oppose it, as they do?

Until there is an unequivocal pronouncement on these questions, it is not possible justly to criticise British policy in Palestine, for it is not possible to show wherein we are in error.

But from whom can such a pronouncement emanate?

THE ANSWER

ARTICLE 26 of the mandate provides the answer: any dispute relating to the interpretation or the application of any provision of the mandate shall be submitted to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

That is clear enough. But if it is urged that the Court is not a suitable body for determining issues of political rather than judicial interpretation, then we may have recourse to the Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations. We can present the three questions to them.

And, when their ruling has been given, it will be for Britain to determine whether she can, with a clear conscience and a confidence in her own power, operate the mandate on the terms laid down.

If she can, well and good. If she cannot, her proper course will be plainly defined.

At the gates of most of the great studios there hangs nowadays an old bit of tarpaulin innocent as a housewife's apron and likewise torn.

The tear's the thing. Behind the tear there lurks a camera and behind the camera there lurks a man. It is his job to photograph for legal evidence the curious activities of the studio strikers and picketers. The judges won't take still photographs; they have to move.

Now the picketers know all about this. When they feel about to be up to something they flash pocket mirrors at the tear in the tarpaulin to over-expose the film. The studios retaliate by hanging more tarpaulin, rigging up more cameras. The battle grows.

Not clean

It is not what you would call a clean fight. Some of the picketers hang lengths of ship's chain down inside their trousers so that when they stick out a leg they can easily break the shin of the fellow trying to cross their line.

They drive around at night tossing little hand-made bombs in through the windows of homes of carpenters and other studio workmen who are blacklegging.

Perhaps this little duel in the sun is not important when you consider the nation-wide struggle that is coming over coal, but I find it a clear finger signpost. It explains much.

The American nation, fresh from an orgy of self-expression in the Republican landslide of November, is now starting out on a kind of twentieth-century witch hunt.

The witches

THE trade unions are the witches. Fear of Russia, distrust of Britain have been forgotten in this new hate. Industrialists and taxi-drivers, movie moguls and bartenders all say the same thing to me—"We've got to put the working man back to work and stop this gangster business."

And it was, I'm sure, the little men, the small shopkeepers, and the vast pressure groups or the industrial public relations wizards who voted the Republicans in.

It will be interesting to see how far this hate wave goes up the beach.

Americans to-day yell "Red" much as the Nazis yelled "Jew," and they have now reached a stage of thought where any sentiment left of centre is called "un-American."

Only inside the studios themselves is there calm. Metro is cathedral-like, Twentieth Century-Fox like a great car factory, Paramount, possibly due to the past influence of certain characters called Crosby and Hope, is one long guffaw.

According To Culbertson

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North-South missed a laydown game in to-day's deal because South, in the one bid he was able to make, gave a very bad description of his holdings.

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J9543
♥ K1072
♦ 63
♣ Q7

WEST
♠ Q82
♥ J6543
♦ J2
♣ 883

EAST
♠ 10
♥ AQ98
♦ AK10754
♣ 62

SOUTH
♠ AK76
♥ —
♦ Q98
♣ AKJ1054

The bidding:
East 1st round South 2nd round West 3rd round North 4th round

South made an overbid at his club contract, but even the 100 honours did not offer much compensation for the easy game that had been missed at spades.

It is true that South's jump from one diamond to three clubs was a strong bid, especially vulnerable, but

it did not convey the right sort of message to North. A bid of this sort carries a well defined request that partner do one of four things: (1) Bid three no trump if he can stop the suit bid by the enemy and has a couple of other scattered honours. Obviously, North could not stop the diamonds, hence this bid was out.

(2) Raise the overall. For this, a fit and a few potential tricks are required, especially when the suit is a minor and five-odd are needed for game. North had a satisfactory fit for clubs, with queen-small, but the outside tricks were lacking. (3) Bid a good major suit—one that can stand largely on its own feet. North had no such suit (4) Lacking the ability to do any of the first three, pass! Don't stretch in order to name a suit that needs extraordinary support. If, for example, North responded with three spades, South would be justified in raising to four spades with king-small, expecting North to have a far more solid spade suit.

Thus, South's choice of bids was more of a warning against spades and hearts than an invitation, and North was correct in passing. The fault lay in the fact that South neglected to double one diamond, in the very hope that North could respond in spades.

NANCY

Sign of Disappointment



On a play

OF course, one of my first duties on reaching Hollywood was to seek out Ben Hecht, the man who wrote the anti-British play about Palestine. "A Flag is Born." Believe me, it is true Mr Hecht wishes to bring the play to London. He has written to Winston Churchill asking for his blessing, which he confidently expects to receive shortly.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1—Swamp
4—Morale
9—Foot
12—Part of "to be"
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DOWN
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3—King (fr.)
5—Trend; double
6—Rescue
7—Birth
8—Tidy lover
10—Cinder
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By Ernie Bushmiller

Canadians Get Enough Meat But Find Other Foods Hard To Obtain

Canadians are getting a relatively plentiful supply of meat at ceiling prices, but many foods and household items are scarce and some are even more difficult to get than in the United States.

In essential items Canadians are probably generally better off than their American neighbours at the moment. The reasons are not easy to discover, but in the case of foods produced at home, it can be ascribed to the fact that Canada with her vast areas of farmlands can produce many times her capacity to consume.

The Canadian Government is proud of the huge amounts of food being sent to Europe. To do this the rationing system is maintained at home, but the amounts allotted are comfortable and, in contrast to what has happened so often in the United States, the Canadian housewife can usually find the food to spend her coupons on.

Meat, sugar and butter are all rationed, but the housewife can nearly always buy her quota. Canada's relative plenty was spotlighted recently when meat-hungry Detroiters started pouring across the border to Windsor to get a good meal. The Canadian Government also found it necessary to reimpose its old poultry embargo to halt the heavy flow of fowl across the line into the United States.

Conditions Of Montreal

Conditions in Montreal, Canada's largest city, with a population of something over 1,000,000, are characteristic of the entire country.

This is the situation for the Montreal housewife (the rationing system is uniform throughout the country). Meat—ration, varied according to cut, approximately two pounds per person per week. Beef and veal are plentiful; ham, bacon and pork are harder to get but are usually obtainable about twice a week. Ceiling prices in cents—round steak, 35 to 45; porterhouse, 45-50; sirloin, 44-46; rolled rib roast, 39-43; tenderloin, 70-75; side, bacon, 54; leg spring lamb, 45-51; loin lamb, 39-45; loin roast pork, 43; pork chops, 34; ham, 48;

Industrial Mobilisation Blueprint

The U.S. Army's blueprint for industrial mobilisation in the event of another war includes the preparation of mines and rock quarries for quick conversion into use as factories, according to the Armoured Cavalry Journal, unofficial but well-informed publication of Army activities, reports United Press.

Other phases of the Army's industrial mobilisation programme are: Stockpiles of over \$22,000,000 worth of scarce materials, the source of which for the most part are outside the United States; Standardization of purchases by all branches of the military; Development of plans to control transportation, manpower, electrical energy and other services; Decentralization of industry so that a few accurate bomb hits would not knock out too many plants.

The Army and Navy Munitions Board has been given the responsibility of developing the industrial mobilisation programme. The Board found in a recent survey that caves do not make the best underground factory sites due to excessive moisture and different levels, but that mines and quarries were much more adaptable.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Merge met two wonderful boys during the summer, but she decided which is more important—a reconverted jeep or a job in the bank!"

Causes Of Death Classification To Be Revised

In connection with the revision in 1948 of the International List of Causes of Death, the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, has appointed a Medical Advisory Committee "to consider from the medical point of view and to advise upon the alterations to be suggested by the Government in the United Kingdom at the forthcoming revision of the International List of Causes of Death."

Sir Ernest Rock-Carling, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., Dean of Westminster Hospital Medical School is chairman of the Committee.

Recognition of the importance to medical research of causes of death inspired the formulation of the present classification, which was first adopted by the International Institute of Statistics in 1893 and which has been revised on five occasions by an international conference convened decennially since 1900 by the French Government.

The main achievements of the conference have been to revise the terminology of the International List of Causes of Death in accordance with scientific developments, and to indicate the Agreement relating to Statistics of Causes of Death signed in 1931 on behalf of over 20 Governments, which undertook to compile and publish their statistics according to the agreed International List. Provision has now been made for the next revision of the International List of Causes of Death and the establishment of an international committee of diseases to be carried out under the auspices of the World Health Organisation.

Food & Textiles From Seaweed

A new source of fireproof fabrics is opened up by the recent investigations of the Scottish Seaweed Research Association.

It has been found that alginic acid has a remarkable versatility as a raw material and can be used for almost as many purposes as cellulose. For instance, in the making of transparent paper, lightweight fabrics, textile size and soluble ligatures for surgery. It can also be used in the lining of beer and as an ingredient of soap, ice-cream, custard powder and many other foods.

The main advantage of alginic acid fabrics is that they are non-inflammable. Another advantage is that when alginic acid yarn filament is combined with woolen thread and woven, it is possible to dissolve the acid which leaves a woolen fabric weighing only 1½ ounces per square yard. The lightest possible with untreated wool weighs 5½ ounces per square yard.

RADAR USED TO PLOT VESSEL IN DISTRESS

The value of radar as a Coast Guard aid to vessels in distress was illustrated recently off the east coast of Britain when the British steamer "St. Michaels" was found during middle watch near Flamborough Head.

Visibility at the time was only 200 yards and the "St. Michaels" began sending out distress signals. Hamber picked them up but the only position given was "north of Flamborough Head" and, for this reason, considerable difficulty was experienced in locating the ship.

Consequently a radar station on the coast was asked for assistance at immediately 100 miles. Within an hour the station had obtained a fix of the vessel and had passed the information to the headquarters. In addition plots of the lifeboat reaching for the grounded ship were received in relation to her.

Teleprinter Link For Air Forces

The opening of a new radio teleprinter circuit between the Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force is one of the first steps in a plan to bring all the air forces of the British Commonwealth into direct teleprinter communication with each other and with the RAF.

A similar link across the Pacific is being established by a circuit from Vancouver to Australia. Extension of this facilities in India towards Australia will mean an unbroken light round the world.

Reval Of Pre-War Music Festival

An annual event in Britain before World War II, the Music Festival of the British Legion Women's Section is to be launched again on February 20, 1947, at the Town Hall, Theatricals.

A competition will be a new feature of the Festival, and one part of the programme will include a folk song for every nation.

LEGENDS OF CANADIAN WILDERNESS

When James Watts, a 33-year-old teacher, his 24-year-old wife, Beatrice, and her brother, Edward Ross, 18, recently returned from the unmapped wilderness of Nahanni country of Northern Canada, long overdue on a summer hunting and prospecting trip, they brought back a new "legend" to explain previous legends of the Indian region.

In country where the thermometer often reads 72 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, there is also a sheltered valley with semi-tropical temperatures, warmed by hot springs and geysers, they said. It was in such surroundings that huge prehistoric monsters roamed and huge banded white men raided villages and ate human flesh, according to legends Indians told trappers and priests who entered Northern Canada 100 to 150 years ago.

Watts did not altogether discount the old Indian stories about the monsters. He said the Indians had drawn pictures of the animals on deer skins "which are perfect likenesses of prehistoric mastodons." He expressed the belief that the white men told the stories to keep white men out of the territory, but said it is entirely possible that mastodons roamed into the glaciers or fossils from prehistoric animals were the inspiration of their sketches.—Associated Press.

China's Prospects Against Japan's In Silk Exports

American silk experts predict that within five years the Japanese silk industry will be producing 300,000 bales yearly for export and occupying again a major position in Japan's international trade, says Associated Press.

With official approval, aimed to assist in the recovery of Japanese industry generally, the American silk trade is eager to obtain increased amounts of Japanese silk. Experts estimate that the United States market is able to absorb 100,000 bales of raw fibres, but feel that present war-inflated prices reaching \$515 to \$18 per pound will decline soon to the vicinity of pre-war levels of approximately \$3.50 per pound.

Silk traders say that Japanese producers will soon experience increasing competition from the Chinese, who are also attempting to regain their long-lost eminent position in the world silk trade.

Statistics show that Japan produces 80 per cent of the world's pre-war silk, with China exporting 15 per cent of the world demand, and Italy growing the remaining five per cent.

China's Future

Americans believe that under stimulus, the government-owned China Silk Corporation could also produce 300,000 bales for export within five years, and would thereby be able to supply one-half of the anticipated 600,000 bale world demand.

People who have recently studied China's silk industry say that the long-producing season in South China, plus improved cocoons, will place China alongside Japan as a major silk producer. This, they add, will occur despite the fact that Japanese military destroyed 75 per cent of China's silk industry.

TRADE AS BASIS OF PEACE

"Trade between nations is the only possible basis of a prosperous and free world." Speaking at a meeting of the United Nations Association in London recently, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Britain's Lord President of the Council, developed this theme.

Every seeker after peace, he said, was glad that the United States had welcomed a special representative in their proposals for consideration at an international conference on trade and employment, thus recognising that the maintenance of full employment was an obligation that each country has to the rest of the world.

Britain's own full employment policy, said Mr. Morrison, "is one of the biggest contributions a country can make to sound and prosperous world trade, and therefore to world peace."

London Art Shows In 1947

A display of old Spanish paintings is to be exhibited at the National Gallery in February 1947. Following this will be an exhibition illustrating the cleaning of valuable works of art, including a number of pictures from the Gallery which have undergone the process during the last 10 years.

Some of the exhibits will be pictures which have been partially cleaned so as to give a "before" and "after" effect.

Transatlantic Radio Traffic Sets Record

Some interesting figures have been issued by the International Marine Radio Company Ltd. of Liverpool, on the amount of radio traffic dealt with on the maiden voyage of Britain's liner Queen Elizabeth by the radio telephone and telegraph equipment forming part of the complete radio station installed and operated by them on this great ship.

During the round voyage to New York and back to Southampton, a total of 131,000 words, comprising passenger and press messages, were handled by radio telegraph through stations on both sides of the Atlantic—often to East and West simultaneously—by manually operated and by high speed automatic transmitters, using Morse speeds of up to 100 words per minute.

An all-time record for the highest volume of private radio telegraph traffic exchanged by any one ship with Britain was established on the outward voyage, lasting less than five days, when 66,300 words were passed through British Post Office shore radio stations. This exceeded the previous record of 48,004 words held by the Queen Mary.

At the same time, 607 radio telephone calls were put through to and from telephone subscribers in various countries, including South Africa and Australia; also 32 separate transmitters were transmitted to broadcasting systems throughout the world.

In addition to the above figures, there was the large number of words transmitted and received in normal navigational messages and the "copy" for the daily newspapers published on board.

Careers In New RAF Branch

A new RAF branch, the Secretarial Branch, will be established on January 1, for administrative duties for which a flying or technical background is not essential.

It will open up further opportunities for permanent commissions for serving airmen, to young men under 19 who succeed in the Common services Entrance Examination and to RAF administrative apprentices. A special wing of the RAF College will be set up to train the latter two types of entrants to permanent commissions in this branch.

Short service commissions will also be available to serving airmen who will be considered for permanent commissions while serving on short service.

A wide variety of posts will be open to secretarial officers, including air rank administrative appointments and command of certain non-operational units. About one-third of the intelligence posts will be filled by Secretarial officers who will also undertake adjutant duties, and administrative and record office posts. The new Branch will take over all the duties of the present Accountant Branch, many administrative posts formerly filled by General Duties branch officers, and many responsibilities of the administrative and Special Duties Branch, which is not to be retained as a separate branch.

Plastics To Figure In Industries Fair

British manufacturers of plastics will be represented at the 1947 British Industries Fair in much greater numbers than in former years. Moulding powders and presses used in the production of plastic goods, also a varied display of finished articles, will be exhibited. This section is being organized in co-operation with the British Plastics Federation and will afford buyers opportunity of assessing the progress made in this industry.

100-Metre European Swimming Record

Toulouse, Dec. 16. The French world champion swimmer, Alex Jany, placed the "Dauphins de Toulouse" swimming team into a new European record on Sunday when the team covered the 100-metre four-man relay course in 3 mins. 48.4 secs, beating the previous European record of 4 mins. 0.5 secs, held by the pre-war German national team.—United Press.

TALK OF THE NEXT WAR

Monterey, California, Dec. 17. Former UNRRA Director for China, Ben H. Kizer, said: "We have no cause to fear China's becoming Communist in the Russian way. China has too great a background of individualism."

The Vice Chairman of the American Institute of Pacific Relations said he expected talk of war with Russia to grow stronger during the next few months as the United States Navy and War Departments pressed Congress for appropriations. He said: "You will notice that after the Army and Navy have put in for the appropriations, this talk will subside."—Associated Press.

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CHINESE MINISTER LEAVES FOR ROME

Shanghai, Dec. 17. Dr. John C. H. Wu, newly appointed Chinese Minister to Vatican, accompanied by his wife and son, left to-day for Rome to assume his new post.—Central News.

INTENSIVE POST-WAR RECRUITING IN U.S.

Washington. Just short of a million volunteers joined the regular U.S. Army in the first year of the intensive post-war recruiting campaign, the War Department announced.—Associated Press.

THE COLDEST PLACE

Moscow, Dec. 16. The world pole of colour, in less scientific language, the coldest place on earth, is in Kolyma, Tatarsk, north-eastern Siberia, slightly east of Suntar, near the settlement of Olmekon, roughly 1,300 miles north of Salchalin, which is on the Sea of Onotok, stated Moscow radio to-day.

There a temperature of 70.2 degrees Centigrade below zero has been registered. This temperature is the lowest ever recorded. Surprisingly enough, Olmekon is considerably south of the Arctic circle.—Reuter.



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U.S. Airmen To Drop Relief Supplies
Tientsin, Dec. 17.
Mongolian districts in northern Jehol and southern Hopeh will soon be dropped from the air by 10 American Marine aircraft.—Central News.

Chinese Communists Occupy Hopeh Town
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The central Hopeh town of Paoli was occupied by more than 3,000 Communist troops last week-end, according to reports received here.—Central News.

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SHIPPING NEWS

Cruiser: Euryalus, North Wall, Belfast.
Transport: Hoiaventura, Mackie's Wharf, North Wall.
Destroyer: Penn, AFD, Cockade, South Wall.
Coastal: North Wall, Cockade, South Wall.
Escort: Vessel: Widenmouth Bay, South Wall.
Alert: North Wall, Black Swan, South Wall.
Submarine Depot: Hoi Adamant, 2, South Wall.
Submarine: Auriga, Amphion, South Wall.
West Arm.
TU 1021: Neches, CRU 7022, A4, VP 240, A4, Rouben, Hoi, Tausie (DD140), A3, Sison (DD790) A3, Keyes (DD107), Hollister (DD780).
China Coast: Crater: Teh Hing, Kowloon Bay; Hoi Cheng, Coamo Dock.
Chinese LCT: Ching Kien, 2, Portuguese Sloop: Alfonso de Albuquerque, 7.
Administered by Commodore—La Constellation.
VIA: Fort Constantine, A1; Fort Duquesne, 17.
Ship: Fort Langley, B37.
Oilers: Coler, Broadmoor, Bishopdale, War, Sudra, Hoi Jetty, Rapidol, Yaumati Anchorage: Empiro Garden, M5; Serbol, West Arm, West Africa, A14; Empire Dama, Tai Koo, Hoi Choo, Yaumati Anchorage: Wave Monarch, M5.
Lifting: Craft: 22, 20, Tai Koo, 20, Wellington, 20.
Crane Ship: Shetahu Maru, Mackie's, Rescue Tugs: Encore, Enticer, East Arm.
Tug: Rocklen, Rockland, Rockledge, Tidal Basin.
NAV: Boomerang, Tidal Basin.
MAL (NASO): 41, NASO, Stonecutters; 42, East Arm, Maintenance and Reserve.
MVF: 311, 181, 203, 204, 205, 212, 244, 245, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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Itin Sang (Jardine) British, 2,245 tons, Capt. H. N. Hirdie, from Sandakan, Col. Tan (Shun Cheong) Chinese, 350 tons, Capt. Kwoh Shun from Fankong, China Victory (USL) American, 4,535 tons, Capt. Mollison, from Los Angeles, Dona Aniceta (De La Rama) Philippine, 2,270 tons, Capt. R. Cisneros, from Shanghai.
Gertrude Maerck (Dobson) Danish, 3,112 tons, Capt. R. Schulz, from Singapore, Tenax (John Manners) British, 2,409 tons, Capt. T. Taylor, from Singapore, Hiram (Thorpe) Norwegian, 1,109 tons, Capt. O. J. Apold, from Amoy.
Bailed Yesterday
Hermelin for Swatow, Bangkok, Fort Duquesne for Singapore.
Arriving Today
Tal Kin Shan (Shun Cheong) from Swatow, Karistina (Jardine) from Australia, 3 p.m., Iran (M. Memarzee) from Shanghai, 4.10 p.m., Wing Sang (Jardine) from Shanghai, Custodian Wharf, Hunan (D & S) from Tientsin, Tsingtao, Sailing Today
Cape Howe (Dodwell) for Vancouver, p.m., Stonecutters, Cannon Star (Wai Tung) for Macao, Touraine, Stonecutters, Kwal, Sang (Jardine) for Balikpapan, noon, Tiladane (JCIL) for Manila, Java ports, A2, (Williamson) for Singapore, Ranchoon, p.m., Yaumati, Hoi Yang (Douglas) for Swatow, Amoy, 3 p.m., Douglas Wharf.

Expected Arrivals
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OBE FOR BURMA OFFICIAL

London, Dec. 17.
Gerald James Wright, of the Burma Civil Supplies Board, has been appointed to the Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).
The citation states that in April 1942, Wright and his family, who were prevented by the Japanese from leaving Mynmarch, took refuge at Mynmarch, in the Kachin hills.
"In May, several British officers and a platoon of Indian troops entered Mynmarch after an engagement with the Japanese. Wright at once rendered first aid to several wounded in the party, although he knew that the Japanese would shortly enter the village.
"On three other occasions, Wright sheltered British troops at great risk to himself. He was arrested by the Japanese and kept in captivity for six months. During this time he was tortured but he did not reveal the whereabouts of any of the Allied troops he had befriended. Wright showed courage without regard for self."—Reuter.

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TRAITOR EXECUTED IN DAMASCUS

Beirut, Dec. 17.
Recently convicted by a Syrian court for taking up arms against the "national authority" on behalf of a foreign power, Salman el Mourchid—who was worshipped as a god by 30,000 followers—among—Syrian Alouites—was hanged in Damascus.
The body was allowed to hang in a street between those of his son and another lieutenant of his "high command" who died with him.—United Press.

WAR CRIME SUSPECT

Sydney, Dec. 17.
Under heavy Australian guard, Col Takaya Marisuro, of the Japanese Army, arrived in Sydney to-day from Rabaul, New Guinea, on his way to stand trial in Singapore for committing atrocities against British troops.—Reuter.

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Jewish Terrorist Sentenced

Jerusalem, Dec. 17.
Anron Cohen, 17-year-old member of the Jewish terrorist organisation, Irgun Zvai Leumi, was sentenced by a military court here to-day to one month's imprisonment and 12 strokes of the cane.
Cohen pleaded guilty to having been in possession of a leaflet bomb on October 10.—Reuter.

Jewish Pressmen Plan Parley

Basle, Dec. 17.
Jewish pressmen, reporting the World Zionist Congress at Basle, met to-day to prepare for a world conference of Jewish pressmen.
The meeting elected an executive composed of Gershon Agronsky, editor of the Palestine Post, Jerusalem; Jacob Fishman of the Yiddish Jewish Journal and Daily News, New York; and Moshe Rubenstein, former chief editor of the Juedische Stimme ("The Jewish Voice") of Kaunas, Lithuania, now living in Munich.—Reuter.

Spain To Withdraw London Envoy

London, Dec. 17.
Spain will withdraw her London Ambassador, Domingo de las Bargas, when Sir Victor Mallet, British Ambassador to Madrid, is recalled following the recommendation of the General Assembly of the United Nations, it was learned to-day in well-informed quarters.—Reuter.

REMEMBRANCE HALL TO HONOUR CHIAN

Bangkok, Dec. 16.
The campaign to raise funds for the erection of a hall here in perpetual remembrance of President Chiang Kai-shek has now netted a total of 1,000,000 baht.
The campaign was started at suggestion of the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Li Tieh-seng, on the occasion of the President's birthday.—Central News.

"A COMPLETE FABRICATION"

New Delhi, Dec. 17.
Mrs. Vajayalakshmi Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation to the United Nations, described as "a complete fabrication," in New Delhi to-day, the statement she reported to have been made in Delhi on Sunday that the British had approved of her associations with Muslim delegates and that she was "disgusted" in New York.—Associated Press.

Egypt's Confidant In Government

Cairo, Dec. 17.
The new Premier, Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashi Pasha, won a vote of confidence in the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies to-day. His government will use "every legitimate method" to force Egyptian evacuation of the Sudan, Egypt and cement industrial union with the Sudan.—United Press.

Russia May Soon Be Opened To Tourists

New York, Dec. 17.
The chief of the Commerce Department's Russian section, Mr. E. C. Ropes, to-day predicted that Russia would be open to free access by American tourists and students within a year or two at the most. He said he had assurance by both the head of the Soviet Tourist Agency and the Minister of Higher Education on a recent trip to Russia that within two years they expected to be "able to receive both American tourists and American students and provide facilities for their sojourn and travel in the Soviet Union as welcome guests."
Mr. Ropes said his recent trip, which was to promote broader relations between Soviet sellers and American buyers, was "95% successful." He disclosed that the first trade talks would probably be held in Washington within the next few months and said that they would be successful.—United Press.

CASUALTIES IN INDONESIAN FIGHTING

Batavia, Dec. 17.
A Dutch military spokesman here claimed to-day that 150 Indonesian "terrorists" had been killed in the past week's fighting in various parts of the Netherlands East Indies.
Among the incidents he reported were a Dutch patrol vessel and an aircraft on Dutch aircraft.
The spokesman also alleged that the entire population of Bandjarsari, in western Java, had been deported by Indonesian Republicans and Dutch forces used artillery in clearing Altud near Semarang, on the northern coast of Java, said the spokesman. The Dutch troops lost one man, and others were severely wounded. Indonesian forces had benefited the demarcation line into Dutch-held territory.—Reuter.

EGHT TURKISH PAPERS BANNED

Istanbul, Dec. 17.
The Turkish government, in a move officially described as designed to "assure public security," closed down eight publications in the Istanbul area to-day and banned distribution of any organs of a "communist" nature.
The action was announced in a daily communiqué, which also disclosed that branches of two new political parties operating in the area had been ordered to cease all activities. Outlawed organizations are the Workers' and Peasants' Socialist Party and the Turkish Socialist Party, both of which were described in the communiqué as being "directed in a camouflaged manner by communists and people having extreme Communist tendencies."—Associated Press.

PLANS EVEREST EXPEDITION

Calcutta, Dec. 17.
Group Captain S. F. Bandit, Australian airman who is flying solo on a 13,000-mile journey from Britain to Brisbane, expects to see Government of India officials here to-day to obtain facilities for a Mount Everest expedition he is planning.
He is off to-morrow on the next stage of his flight. On arrival here yesterday from Karachi, he said he hoped to reach Brisbane by Christmas Day. He is flying a two-engine aircraft.—Reuter.

Economic Missions In Argentina

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17.
President Peron told members of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange to-day that economic missions from 19 foreign countries are here seeking financial accords with the Argentine government.
He declared the Argentine peso has never been stronger.
The government announced it would sign an agreement with France shortly for approximately \$45,700.—Associated Press.

WFTU Delegation To Visit Japan

Paris, Dec. 17.
The executive bureau of the World Federation of Trade Unions decided to send a delegation to Japan in March to examine industry there.
A delegation is also to visit the four zones of occupation in Germany to January.
At the end of this year the World Trade Union Congress is meeting in Paris to put forward certain recommendations to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Among the proposals is the holding of a world coal conference.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE IMMIGRATION DELEGATION

Rome, Dec. 17.
The Argentine Commercial Attache, Guido Comolli, to-day announced that the Argentine immigration delegation which was scheduled to arrive in Rome last Saturday had been held in Paris and would arrive home some time during the present week.
Comolli told United Press that plans had been drafted by the Embassy experts and would be presented to Salesian Father Jose Clemente Silva who was heading the immigration delegation together with Senator Adolfo Scilingo, each with the rank of minister extraordinary and plenipotentiary.
The newly approved Argentine five-year plan calls for a yearly average of 50,000 first class workers to be distributed throughout the Argentine Republic in land irrigation work and in the building of public works. Although it is understood that preference will be given to Italian and Spanish workers, Comolli doubted whether this average would be reached during the first year owing to shipping and other difficulties.
Immigrants will have to pay for their own tickets, but in some cases where lack of money represents a stumbling block the Argentine Embassy is authorized to advance some money to the immigrants against their first salaries. Treatment and pay of workers will be similar to that of Argentine citizens.
The Argentine delegation during its stay in Rome also will work on the repatriation of Argentines. Comolli said that there were at present some 5,000 or 6,000 Argentines in Europe awaiting repatriation.—United Press.

Indian Overseas Communications Services

New Delhi, Dec. 17.
The Government of India has announced that it will exercise its right to purchase the overseas communications service of Indian Radio and Cable Communications Ltd., and run the service from January 1.
The decision follows notice given a year ago to the IRCC that the Government intended to exercise its right to acquire the service. The Government said that the service would not be merged with the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department.—Associated Press.

Polish Refugees' Complaints

New York, Dec. 17.
The Polish American Congress, claiming a membership of 6,000,000 Americans of Polish descent, has petitioned Congress to investigate UNRRA activities in DP relief camps in Germany, charging UNRRA officials of using "Communist methods" and "terrorizing Polish refugees in an illegal attempt to make them accept repatriation."
The PAC said Polish refugees were constantly shunted from one camp to another and Polish priests forbidden to exercise religious duties. It asked for international status for DPs "as the only escape from UNRRA persecution."—United Press.